Promotion of Non I.A.S. Officers as Additional Secretaries

467. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of I.A.S. Officers of 1963 batch who have been promoted as Additional Secretaries to Government of India;

(b) the number of I.A.S. Officers of 1963 batch who have not so far been promoted as Additional Secretaries and whose names are on the panel;

(c) whether a panel has been prepared of non-I.A.S. Officers of 1962 for promotion a Additional Secretary;

(d) if so, how many of them have been promoted as Additional Secretaries with their names; and

(e) the proportion of non-I.A.S. Officers of 1962 to I.A.S. Officers of 1963 who have been promoted as Additional secretaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) 28 officers of 1963 batch of IAS were empanelled to hold Additional Secretary/ equivalent posts of the Centre. of these, 1 officer has since expired, and the services of 9 officers are not being made available by the respective State Governments for appointment at the Centre; 17 officers have been appointed to the post of Additional Secretary/ equivalent at the centre, one of whom has been reverted to the state cadre; and only 1 officer remains to be appointed;

(c) and (d) Non-IAS Officers who fulfil the eligibility criteria are considered for empanelment to hold Additional Secretary/equivalent posts. In 1991, the officers upto 1963 batch were considered and 11 officers (including one officer of 1962 batch) were empanelled. In 1992, officers upto 1965 batch were considered and 5 officers were empanelled;

(e) The number of non-IAS Officers at present holding the posts of Additional Secretary/equivalent is 13 including 1 officer of 1962 Batch and the number of IAS Officers of 1963 Batch holding such posts is 16.

Special plan for the Employment of Women in Urban and Rural Sectors

468. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:
SHRI M.A. BABY:

Will the Minister OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any special plan for the employment of women in the urban and rural sectors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97). Accordingly, a growth strategy for accelerated employment generation is envisaged in the Plan. The strategy for employment of women has been integrated with the overall employment strategy. In addition, steps are being taken to expand training oportunities for women to enhance their access to employment. Special employment programmes being implemented for women include: (i) Support to Training-